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SUBJECT: KYRGYZ FM'S INDEPENDENCE DAY GREETING TO SECRETARY RICE

¶1. The Kyrgyz MFA sent Embassy a diplomatic note with a message addressed to Secretary Rice from Foreign Minister Karabaev on the occasion of the U.S. Independence Day holiday.

¶2. The text of the English-language message follows:

Your Excellency,

Let me express to you my sincere congratulations on this significant event -) celebration of the 232nd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, which symbolizes the unity and aspiration for freedom of the American nation.

I would like to note that the existing high level of cooperation between our countries provides opportunity to withstand the global threats and challenges in the modern world, combat transnational terrorism and extend economic relations.

As before, we will keep on establishing friendly relations with your country, based on mutual benefit as one of the main priorities in Kyrgyzstan's foreign policy.

Taking this opportunity, I wish you all the successes in your professional sphere, as well as further prosperity and well-being to the people of the United States of America.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed)  
Ednan Karabaev

(End text.)

¶3. Post will pouch the original letter to SCA/CEN.  
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